

## House Resolution No. 3676

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Lula May Barton, a treasured resident of Lesterville, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on August 7, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at Arcadia Academy; and

**Whereas**, Lula Barton came into this world on the family farm near Oates on August 9, 1904, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Joe and Susie Stricklin, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, Lula embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Troy E. Barton, a kind and loving gentleman with whom she shared the love and affection of six fine children; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Lula Barton enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a stellar employee of Luce-Wild and the Biscuit Company in St. Louis during World War II; and

**Whereas**, a devout member of Boss Assembly of God who derives an enormous amount of satisfaction from sewing and quilting, Lula Barton has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her six children, Chellie, Rayburn, Juanita, Mildred, Verlene, and Lela; and her nine grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now one hundred years young, Lula Barton faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Lula Barton as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Lula May Barton, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative J.C. Kuessner  
District No. 152

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3676, adopted July 20, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker